

The Digital Dog Ate My Notes:

Tools and Strategies for 21st Century Research Projects

<http://eduscapes.com/sessions/notes>



NoteStar Overview

NoteStar is an Internet utility to assist in the preparation of research papers. Designed for 4th through 12th grade students, **NoteStar** assists in taking notes from online and hardcopy sources.

Using the **NoteStar NoteCards** tool, students can take notes from online sources as they browse the Internet. Source information (i.e. title, url, etc.) is automatically captured in order to assist in work citation. They may also use the **NoteCards** to add notes and bibliographical information from hardcopy sources. Once their notes are gathered, students may then organize their notes to suit their project's goals.

NoteStar benefits teachers as well. Once the teacher has assigned a **NoteStar** project to their students, they can return at any time to monitor their student's progress. Based on a student or group's progress, the teacher may provide feedback.

What can Teachers do with NoteStar?

- Create and assign projects.
- Check sources for authenticity.
- Track each group's progress.
- Send messages to students.
- Help students organize their notes.
- Easily manage projects.

What can Students do with NoteStar?

- Create projects with topics and sub-topics.
- Assign topics to group members.
- Take notes on Web sites, books, magazines, journals, and newspapers.
- Easily track source information.
- Send messages to teachers.
- Organize notes and sources to create printable notes and bibliography.

Learn more at <http://notestar.4teachers.org/help/>

NoteStar Directions for Teachers

NoteStar is a website used to by students and teachers to manage classes, assignments and notes, while **NoteStar NoteCard** is a tool used to create notes.

Go to the **NoteStar** website at <http://notestar.4teachers.org/>

If you want the **NoteStar NoteCard** button to be easily accessible, it will need to be placed on the Links, Favorites, or Bookmarks toolbar of your browser. You can also place it on a class webpage.

The screenshot shows the NoteStar website with a yellow header. The header includes the NoteStar logo (a yellow star with a pencil) and the text "NoteStar Enhancing Research Skills for Student Achievement". On the right, it says "Powered by 4Teachers.org" and "4Teacher Tools".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- NoteStar** is an Internet utility to assist in the preparation of research papers. Teachers and students can set up research projects with topics and sub-topics. Students may then take advantage of NoteStar's many features to collect and organize their notes and prepare their bibliography page.
- NoteCard Button Setup**: Before you begin, you need to set up a NoteCard button on your browser by dragging this button to the Links, Favorites, or Bookmarks toolbar of your browser. Below this text is a graphic of a yellow star with a pencil, and a text box that says "Drag this to the appropriate toolbar in your browser. [Help](#)".
- Students**: What students can do:
 - Create sub-topics for research topics
 - Assign topics to group members
 - Take notes
 - Easily track source information
 - Organize notes and sources to create printable notes and bibliography[Students, get started >](#)
- Teachers**: What teachers can do:
 - Create, assign, and manage projects
 - Check sources for authenticity
 - Track each group's progress
 - Send messages to students
 - Help students organize their notes[Teachers, get started >](#)
- Teacher Login**: A login form with fields for "Teacher Email:" and "Password:", a "Go" button, and a [Forgot password?](#) link.
- Student Login**: A login form with fields for "Student Login:" and "Password:", a "Go" button, and a [Forgot password?](#) link.

The footer contains the 4teachers.org logo, a list of other tools (RubiStar, QuizStar, TrackStar, Think Tank, Web Worksheet Wizard, More Tools), and links for Terms of Use, Contact Us, and ALTEC. Copyright information is also present: "Copyright. © 2000 - 2008, ALTEC at the University of Kansas."

If you already have an account, you can use the **Teacher Login**.

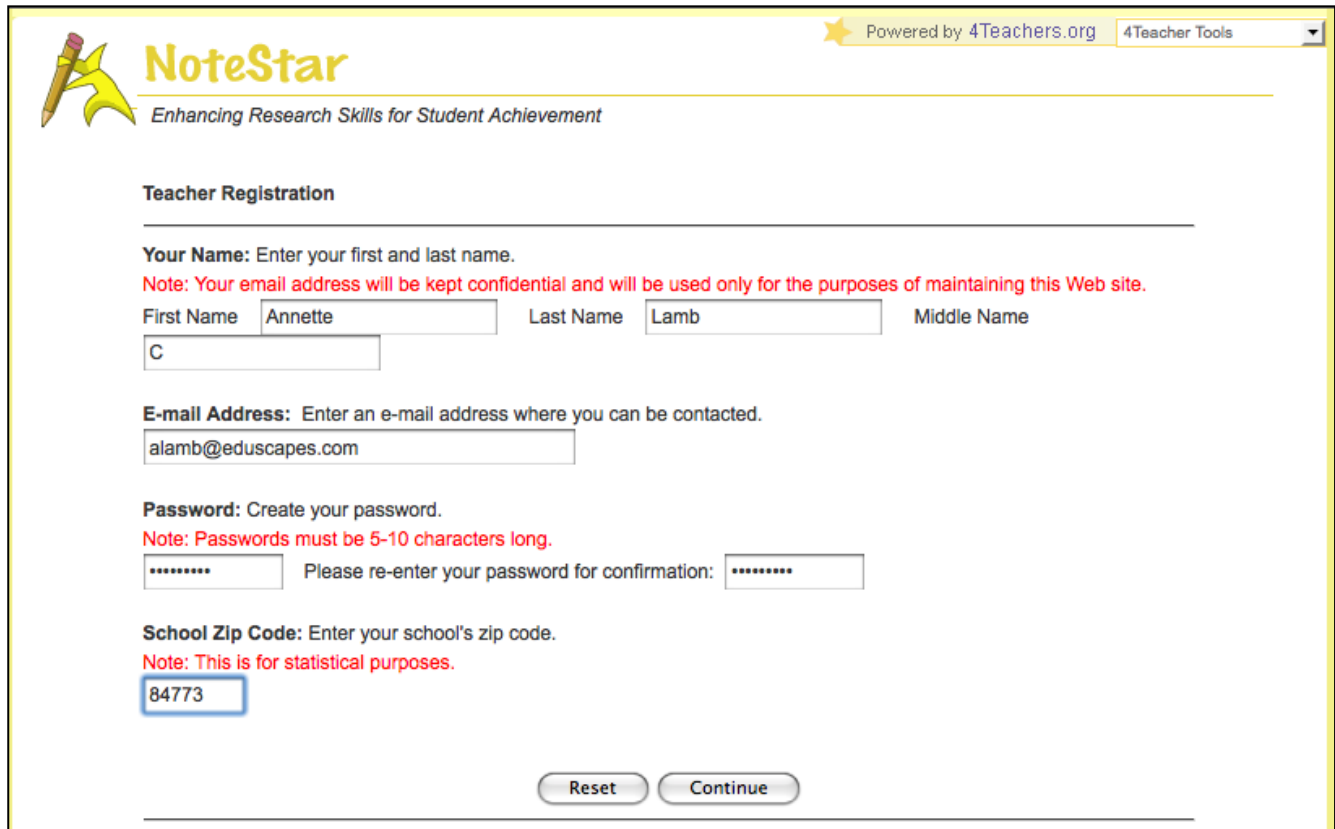
Students will use the **Student Login**.

You can create logins for students or they can create their own.

The first time you use **NoteStar**, you'll need to create a login.

Getting an Account

Click on the **Teachers, get started** link. You'll see the following screen.



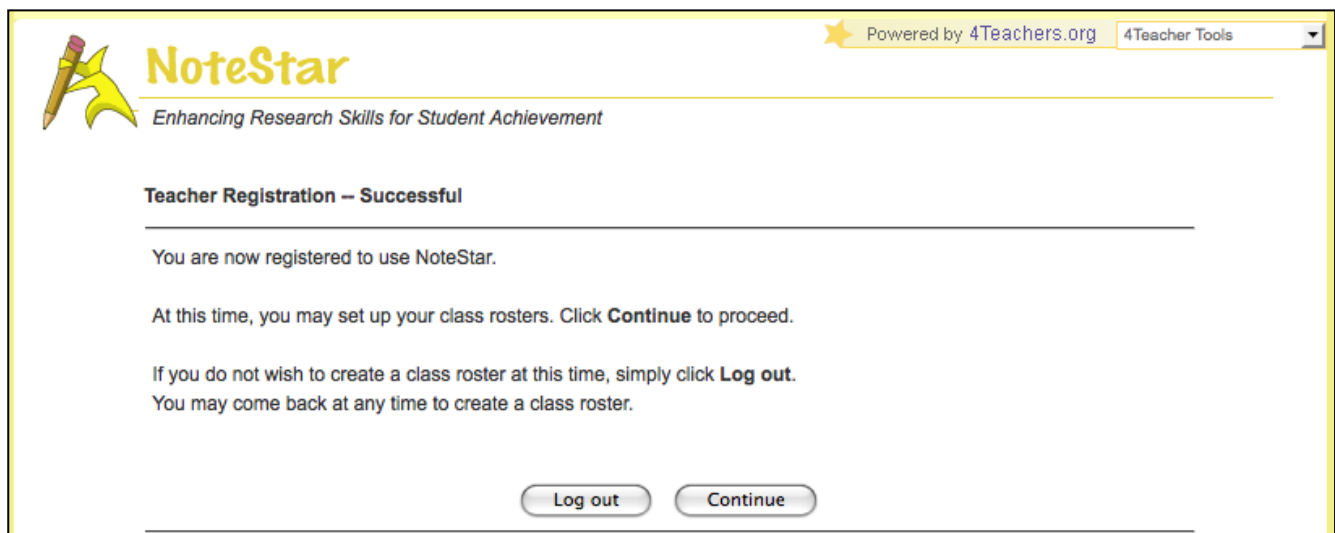
The screenshot shows the NoteStar website's Teacher Registration page. The header includes the NoteStar logo (a yellow star with a pencil) and the tagline "Enhancing Research Skills for Student Achievement". A star icon in the top right corner indicates the site is "Powered by 4Teachers.org", with a dropdown menu for "4Teacher Tools". The main heading is "Teacher Registration". Below this, there are several input fields and instructions:

- Your Name:** Enter your first and last name. A red note states: "Note: Your email address will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purposes of maintaining this Web site." The form has three fields: "First Name" (containing "Annette"), "Last Name" (containing "Lamb"), and "Middle Name" (containing "C").
- E-mail Address:** Enter an e-mail address where you can be contacted. The field contains "alamb@eduscapes.com".
- Password:** Create your password. A red note states: "Note: Passwords must be 5-10 characters long." There are two fields for password entry, both containing "*****". The second field is preceded by the text "Please re-enter your password for confirmation:".
- School Zip Code:** Enter your school's zip code. A red note states: "Note: This is for statistical purposes." The field contains "84773".

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Reset" and "Continue".


Enter your name, email address, and a password 5-10 characters long. Also enter your zip code.

Click the **Continue** button. You'll see the following screen.



The screenshot shows the NoteStar website's Teacher Registration Success page. The header is identical to the previous screen. The main heading is "Teacher Registration -- Successful". Below this, the text reads: "You are now registered to use NoteStar." followed by "At this time, you may set up your class rosters. Click **Continue** to proceed." and "If you do not wish to create a class roster at this time, simply click **Log out**. You may come back at any time to create a class roster." At the bottom are two buttons: "Log out" and "Continue".

Click the **Continue** button. You'll see the following screen.



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Classes I created [Create a New Class](#)

There is no class created for your account, please create a new class first.

[Click here to create a new class.](#)

Creating a Class

Click **Click here to create a new class**. You'll see the following screen.



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Teacher - Class - Create New Class [Teacher Home](#) | [Classes](#) | [Projects](#) | [Messages](#) | [Log out](#)

Create New Class

Not Assigned yet

Class Name:


Description:

Create Class

Class Home


Enter the name of the class and the description.

Click the **Create Class** button. You'll see the following screen.



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Teacher -- Class -- Show Class Information

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Class Detail Information

[Edit this class](#)

Class ID: 28555

Class Name: Summer Workshop 2009

Description: This is a practice area for school librarians.

Created By: Annette Lamb


Date Created: 6/10/09

[Go Back To Class Listing](#)

The **Class Detail Information** will be presented. You can edit this information if you wish.


Click **Go Back To Class Listing**. You'll see the following screen.

You can add as many classes as you wish to this list.



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Teacher -- Class Manager

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Classes I created

[Create a New Class](#)

Class ID	Class Name	Operation	Date Created
28555	Summer Workshop 2009	Edit Roster Delete	6/10/09

[Go Back To Teacher Home](#)

Adding Students to the Class

Click **Roster** under the **Operation** area to add students. You'll see the following screen.

There are currently no students enrolled in the class.

The screenshot shows the NoteStar interface. At the top, there's a logo with a pencil and the text 'NoteStar Enhancing Research Skills for Student Achievement'. A navigation bar includes 'Teacher Home', 'Classes', 'Projects', 'Messages', and 'Log out'. Below this, the page title is 'Teacher -- Class: Show Roster'. The main content area is titled 'Class Roster for Class: Summer Workshop 2009' and includes a link 'Add Students to this Class'. A message box states 'There is no student enrolled in your class yet.' At the bottom, there is a 'Go Back To Class Home' button.


Click **Add Students to this Class**. You'll see the following screen.

The screenshot shows the NoteStar interface for adding students. It includes a 'Create a New Student' link. A message box states 'There is no student enrolled in your class yet.' Below this is a 'Go Back to Class Roster' button. The 'Add Existing Student to Class' section provides instructions on how to add a student by typing their username. A form with a text input field and an 'Add Student' button is provided. The 'Add Enrolled or Registered Student' section explains that this is a list of all students already enrolled or registered by the user, and that they can add a student from this list to the class roster by clicking the 'Add' link next to the student's name. At the bottom, there is a table header with columns for 'Student Id', 'Name', and 'Operation'.

If your students already have a username, you simply enter the username using the **Add Student** button.

For elementary children, it's a good idea to create student accounts.

Click the **Create a New Student** option. You'll see the following screen.



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Teacher -- Class: Create New Student

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Create New Student


Student User Name:	<input type="text" value="alamb_84773"/>
Password:	<input type="password" value="....."/>
First Name:	<input type="text" value="Annette"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Lamb"/>

Passwords can be a problem for children, consider some of the following solutions.

Use the same password for everyone such as student or the name of your school.

Use a system for assigning passwords such as using the same name as the username.

Click the **Create Student** button. You'll see the following screen.



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Teacher -- Create Student Response

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New Student Created

Student User Name:	alamb_84773
Password:	alamb
First Name:	Annette
Last Name:	Lamb

Notice that an **underscore and zip code** has been added to the user name.

If a student loses his or her password, you can always retrieve it from the class roster.

Click the **Add this student into class** button. You'll see the following screen.

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 [Log out](#)

Students Enrolled in Class: **Summer Workshop 2009**

[Create a New Student](#)

Student Id	Name	Created Date	Operation
151157	alamb_84773	6/10/09	Update Remove

[Go Back to Class Roster](#)

Add Existing Student to Class:

Enter the username of a student that is already registered in NoteStar, but not as one of your students. These students registered either by themselves or had another teacher register them.

Add student by typing student's username


Add Enrolled or Registered Student:

This is a list of all the students already enrolled or registered by you. To add a student from this list to this class roster, click the **Add** link next to the student's name.

Student Id	Name	Operation
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Continue to add students until you've completed your roster. You can also come back to this screen later if you wish to enter additional students.

After setting up your class, you're ready to creating projects.



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Existing Projects:

Projects for class 28555: Summer Workshop 2009

Create a New Project

There is no project created for this class.

Click **Create a New Project**. You'll see the following screen.



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Teacher -- Project : Create New Project

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Create New Project for Class : 28555

Project ID:	Not Assigned Yet
Project Name:	<input type="text" value="Nonfiction Reading"/>
Task:	<input type="text" value="You're a Junior Reporter for Scholastic. Your job is to read one of the old articles, take notes, then write a short article for our class blog."/>
Description:	<input type="text" value="Choose an article. Read and take notes. Write a blog entry."/>
Working Type:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Individual <input type="radio"/> Group

[Create Project](#) [Project Home](#)

Enter a **Project Name**, **Task**, and **Description**. Choose **Individual** or **Group**.

Click the **Create Project** button. You'll see the following screen.



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Teacher - Project Manager

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Existing Projects:

Projects for class 28555: Summer Workshop 2009		Create a New Project
• 19312	Nonfiction Reading	Edit Delete Assignment Progress

You can edit or delete this assignment.

Reading and Writing Messages

You may wish to send messages to your students.

Click the **Messages** option in navigation area.

Click **IN BOX** to see your messages. You'll see the following screen.

The screenshot shows the NoteStar interface. At the top, there's a logo with a pencil and the text "NoteStar Enhancing Research Skills for Student Achievement". A navigation bar includes links for "Teacher Home", "Classes", "Projects", "Messages", and "Log out". The main heading is "Teacher - Message Home - Received Message". Below this, there's a "Message Center" section with a box for "Class: Summer Workshop 2009" containing "View Inbox" and "View Sent" links. To the right, under "Received Messages for class: Summer Workshop 2009", there are "Compose" and "Delete" buttons. A table lists a message with a checkbox, "From" (blank), "Subject" (Wolves), and "Date" (6/10/09). A "View Sent" link is at the top right. At the bottom, there's a "Go Back to Message home" link.

From	Subject	Date
	Wolves	6/10/09

Click the **Subject** of the message to read it. You'll see the following screen.

The screenshot shows the NoteStar interface for viewing a message. The heading is "Teacher -- Message Home - Show Message". The navigation bar is the same. The "Message Center" section is on the left. The main area is titled "Message Detail Message ID:79539" and has "Compose", "Reply", and "Delete" buttons. The message details are: "Subject: Wolves", "From: alamb_84773", "To: Annette Lamb", and "Date: 6/10/09". The message body contains two paragraphs: "I am writing about wolves." and "I wrote two notes for my two websites. I am still reading the book. I will add a note for my book tomorrow." At the bottom, there's a "Go Back To Message Listing" link.

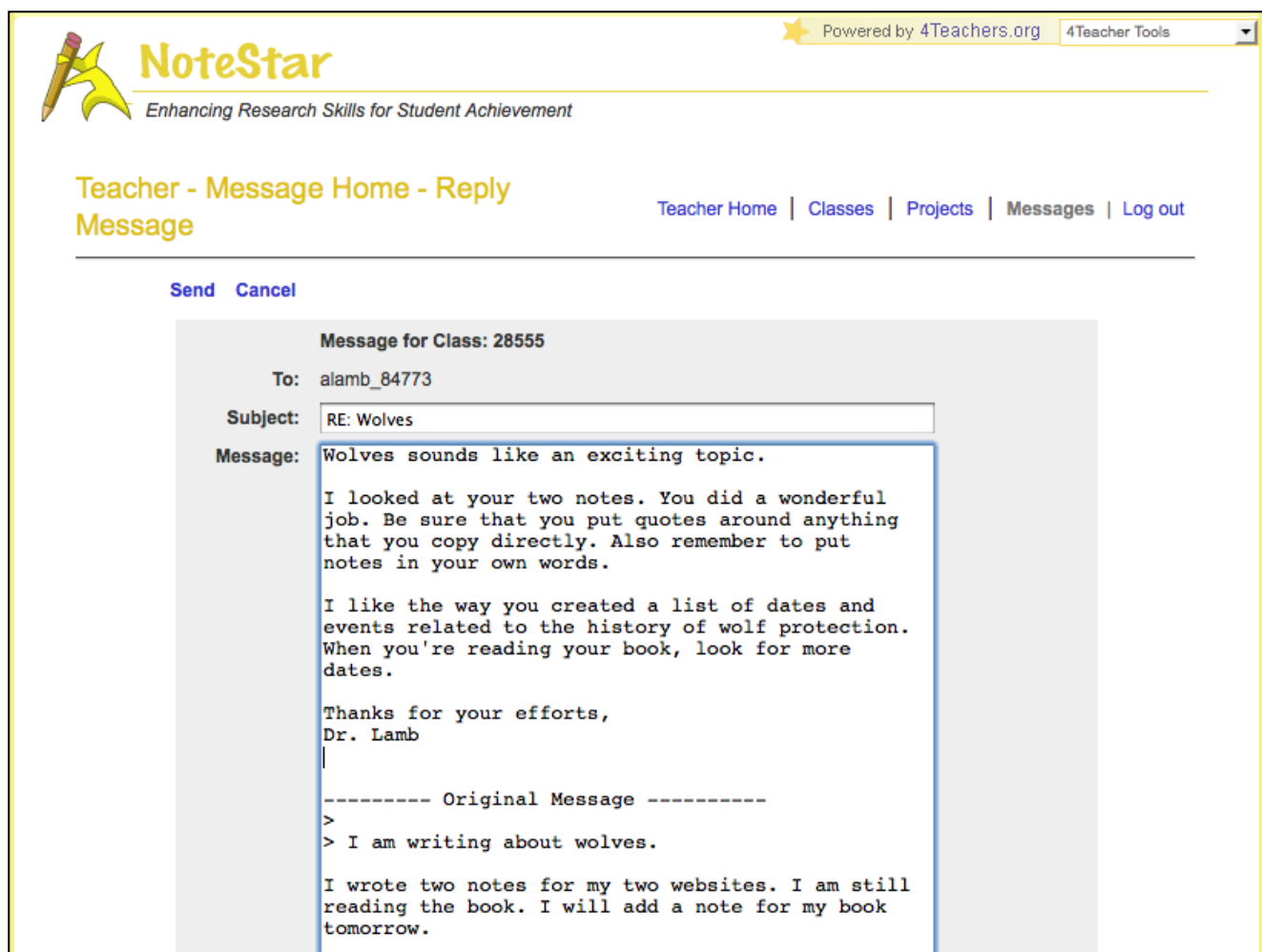
Subject: Wolves
From: alamb_84773
To: Annette Lamb
Date: 6/10/09

I am writing about wolves.

I wrote two notes for my two websites. I am still reading the book. I will add a note for my book tomorrow.

Click **Compose** to write a new message.

Or, click **Reply** to respond to the student message.



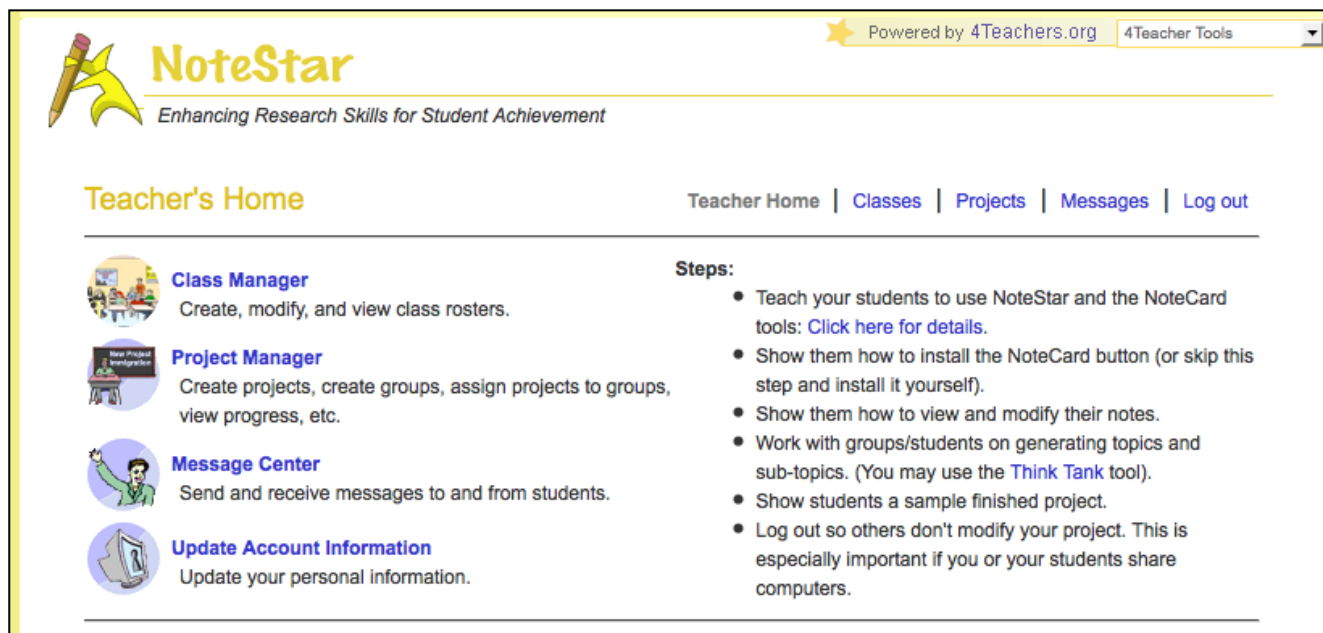
The screenshot shows the NoteStar web application interface. At the top, there is a logo for NoteStar with the tagline "Enhancing Research Skills for Student Achievement". To the right, it says "Powered by 4Teachers.org" and "4Teacher Tools". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links: "Teacher Home", "Classes", "Projects", "Messages", and "Log out". The main content area is titled "Teacher - Message Home - Reply Message". Below this title, there are "Send" and "Cancel" buttons. The message form itself is titled "Message for Class: 28555". It has a "To:" field with the value "alamb_84773" and a "Subject:" field with the value "RE: Wolves". The "Message:" field contains the following text: "Wolves sounds like an exciting topic. I looked at your two notes. You did a wonderful job. Be sure that you put quotes around anything that you copy directly. Also remember to put notes in your own words. I like the way you created a list of dates and events related to the history of wolf protection. When you're reading your book, look for more dates. Thanks for your efforts, Dr. Lamb". Below the main message, there is a section titled "----- Original Message -----" which contains the following text: "> I am writing about wolves. I wrote two notes for my two websites. I am still reading the book. I will add a note for my book tomorrow."

Enter your reply. Click **Send** when you're done writing your message.

Many teachers continue to use the **Message Center** as a simple email system even after using the **NoteStar** application.

Exploring Teacher Home

Click **Teacher Home** from the navigation at the top of the page. You'll see the following screen.



Working with Students

Teach your students to use NoteStar and the NoteCards tool:

- Show them how to install NoteCards (or skip this step and install it yourself).
- Show them how NoteCards collect data from Web sites.
- Show them how to login and log out.
- Show them how to view and modify their notes.
- Work with groups/students on generating topics and sub-topics.

After students have begun working on their project, choose Project Manager to:

- View or print student/group notes.
- View or print student/group bibliography.

Use the Message Center to:

- Send e-mail feedback to individual students or to the group.
- Read e-mail feedback from students/groups.

For More Information About NoteStar and NoteCard

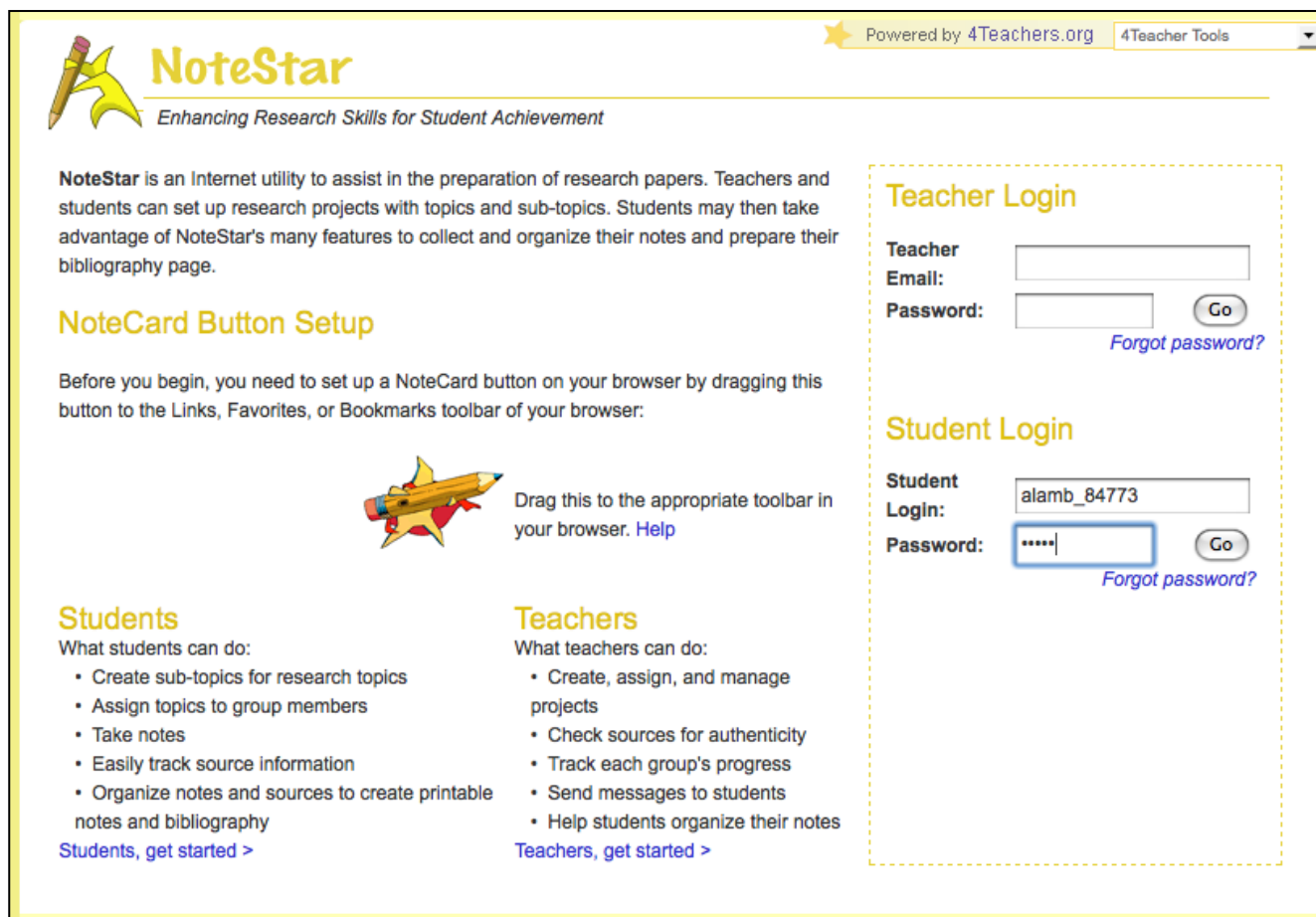
If you need additional help, you can go directly to the following address:

<http://notestar.4teachers.org/help/>

You'll find help for both students and teachers on the **HELP** page.

NoteStar Directions for Students

Go to Notestar at <http://notestar.4teachers.org/>




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NoteCard Button Setup

Before you begin, you need to set up a NoteCard button on your browser by dragging this button to the Links, Favorites, or Bookmarks toolbar of your browser:



Drag this to the appropriate toolbar in your browser. [Help](#)

Students

What students can do:

- Create sub-topics for research topics
- Assign topics to group members
- Take notes
- Easily track source information
- Organize notes and sources to create printable notes and bibliography

[Students, get started >](#)

Teachers

What teachers can do:

- Create, assign, and manage projects
- Check sources for authenticity
- Track each group's progress
- Send messages to students
- Help students organize their notes

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Teacher Login

Teacher Email:

Password: [Forgot password?](#)

Student Login

Student Login:

Password: [Forgot password?](#)

Enter the **Student Login** (username) and **Password** provided by your teacher.

For instance, username **alamb_84773** with the password **alamb**.

Click the **Go** button. You'll see the following screen.



Student's Home

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Setup Guide:



Install NoteCard Button on your machine if the teacher hasn't already done so. Clicking this button will bring up the NoteCards window where you take notes. See below for further details on NoteStar NoteCards. [Click here for Setup Instructions](#)

Use the Project Manager to do some of the initial setup for your project. We recommend you view your assignment, then create topics and sub-topics.

For Hardcopy Sources:

Click on your NoteCard Button. Login and select your project. Choose the appropriate topic/sub-topic and type of resource. Complete the citation by typing in missing information when possible. Add your notes and specify what type of note it is, then Submit.

For Online Sources:

Use a search engine to search for material on your topic. When you locate a site with information you want to capture, click on your NoteCard Button. It will automatically capture the URL and title of the page. If you have trouble, read the [help section](#).



Project Manager

View assignments, view group members, organize, update, and view your notes for a project.



Message Center

Send messages to your instructor and read feedback regarding your progress.





Update User Profile

You may update your personal information..

From this screen you can see your **Classes**, **Projects**, and **Messages**.

Click on **Projects** or **Project Manager**. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.


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Student -- View Project List

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Project(s) Assigned to me:


Project ID	Project Name	Teacher	Class Name	Date Created
19312	Nonfiction Reading	Annette Lamb	Summer Workshop 2009	6/10/09

[Go Back to Student Home](#)

Notice that this student currently has one assignment, **Nonfiction Reading** from the **Summer Workshop 2009** class. What assignments are on your list?

Click on your assignment project such as the **Nonfiction Reading** project. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.


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Student - Show Project Detail

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Operations


- [Manage Topics](#)
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- [View Bibliography In MLA Format](#)
- [View Bibliography In APA Format](#)

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Project Detail Information

Project ID:	19312
Project Name:	Nonfiction Reading
Task:	You're a Junior Reporter for Scholastic. Your job is to read one of the old articles, take notes, then write a short article for our class blog.
Assignment:	
Description:	Choose an article. Read and take notes. Write a blog entry.
Working Type:	Individual
Teacher:	Annette Lamb
Created Date:	6/10/09
Expire Date:	6/10/10
Class Name:	Summer Workshop 2009

Click on the **Manage Topics** option. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.



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Student - View Topic List [Student Home](#) | [Classes](#) | [Projects](#) | [Messages](#) | [Log out](#)

Topic Listing	Project: Nonfiction Reading (Individual)	Reorder Topics
		Create New Topic

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If you know the topic you will be exploring, choose **Create a New Topic**. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.



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Student -- Create Topic [Student Home](#) | [Classes](#) | [Projects](#) | [Messages](#) | [Log out](#)

Topic Listing	Project: Nonfiction Reading (Individual)	Reorder Topics
		Create New Topic

[Go Back to Project Operation Menu](#)

Create New Topic

Topic ID: Not Assigned


Project: Nonfiction Reading

Topic Title:

Description:

Enter the topic such as **Wolves** and a description.

Click **Create Topic**. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.



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Student – Show Topic [Student Home](#) | [Classes](#) | [Projects](#) | [Messages](#) | [Log out](#)

New Topic Created.

Topic Listing	Project: Nonfiction Reading (Individual)	Reorder Topics	Topic Information	Edit Delete
1 Wolves		Create New Topic	Topic ID: 386136 Project ID: 19312 Topic Title: Wolves Description: This is for my wolf report. Assigned To:	Create New Sub-topic

[Go Back to Project Operation Menu](#)

You can add as many topics as you wish.


Click **Go Back to Project Operation Menu**.

You're ready to go take some notes using **NoteCard**.

Find the website where you want to take notes.

Click the **NoteCard** button on your web browser. Or, go to <http://notestar.4teachers.org/> and click the **NoteStar** icon. Enter your username and password. Click **Go**.

Enter information into the NoteCard. When you're done, Click **Create Card**.



NoteCard [Create New Note](#) 4teachers.org

Class:

Project: No Project to Select

Topic:

[Internet](#) | [Book](#) | [Magazine](#) | [Journal](#) | [Newspaper](#) | [Internet Journal](#)

Title:

Title of Web Site:

Author: (i.e. last name, first name)

Published Year:

Organization:

URL:

Date Viewed: June 10 2009

Note: (4000 characters maximum)

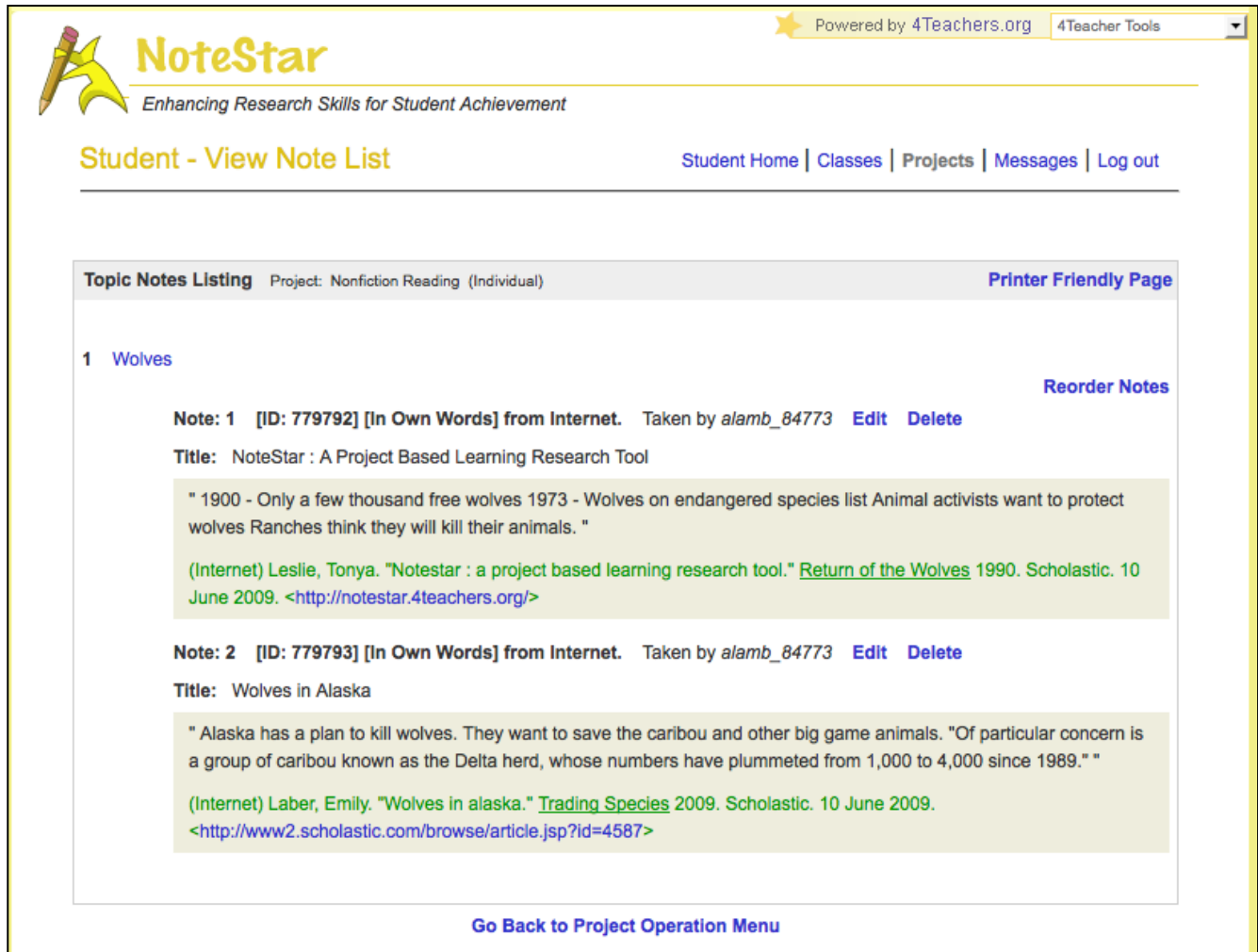
Type of Note: ☐ Your Own Words ☒ Quote (Cut and Paste)

[Create Note](#) [Close Window](#)

Managing Notes

After you've taken some notes using the **NoteStar NoteCard**, come back to your **Project Menu** and choose **Manage Notes**. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.

Notice the two notes.



The screenshot shows the NoteStar interface. At the top, there's a logo with a yellow star and the text 'NoteStar Enhancing Research Skills for Student Achievement'. To the right, it says 'Powered by 4Teachers.org' and '4Teacher Tools'. Below the logo, the page title is 'Student - View Note List'. On the right, there are links: 'Student Home | Classes | Projects | Messages | Log out'. The main content area is titled 'Topic Notes Listing' and 'Project: Nonfiction Reading (Individual)'. There's a 'Printer Friendly Page' link. A list of notes is shown, with the first note titled 'Wolves'. Each note entry includes a title, a description, and a source. The first note is 'Note: 1 [ID: 779792] [In Own Words] from Internet. Taken by alamb_84773 Edit Delete'. The title is 'NoteStar : A Project Based Learning Research Tool'. The description is '" 1900 - Only a few thousand free wolves 1973 - Wolves on endangered species list Animal activists want to protect wolves Ranches think they will kill their animals. "'. The source is '(Internet) Leslie, Tonya. "Notestar : a project based learning research tool." Return of the Wolves 1990. Scholastic. 10 June 2009. <http://notestar.4teachers.org/>'. The second note is 'Note: 2 [ID: 779793] [In Own Words] from Internet. Taken by alamb_84773 Edit Delete'. The title is 'Wolves in Alaska'. The description is '" Alaska has a plan to kill wolves. They want to save the caribou and other big game animals. "Of particular concern is a group of caribou known as the Delta herd, whose numbers have plummeted from 1,000 to 4,000 since 1989. "'. The source is '(Internet) Laber, Emily. "Wolves in alaska." Trading Species 2009. Scholastic. 10 June 2009. <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=4587>'. At the bottom, there's a link 'Go Back to Project Operation Menu'.

If you wish to edit one of the notes, click the **Edit** option. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.



Student - Update Note

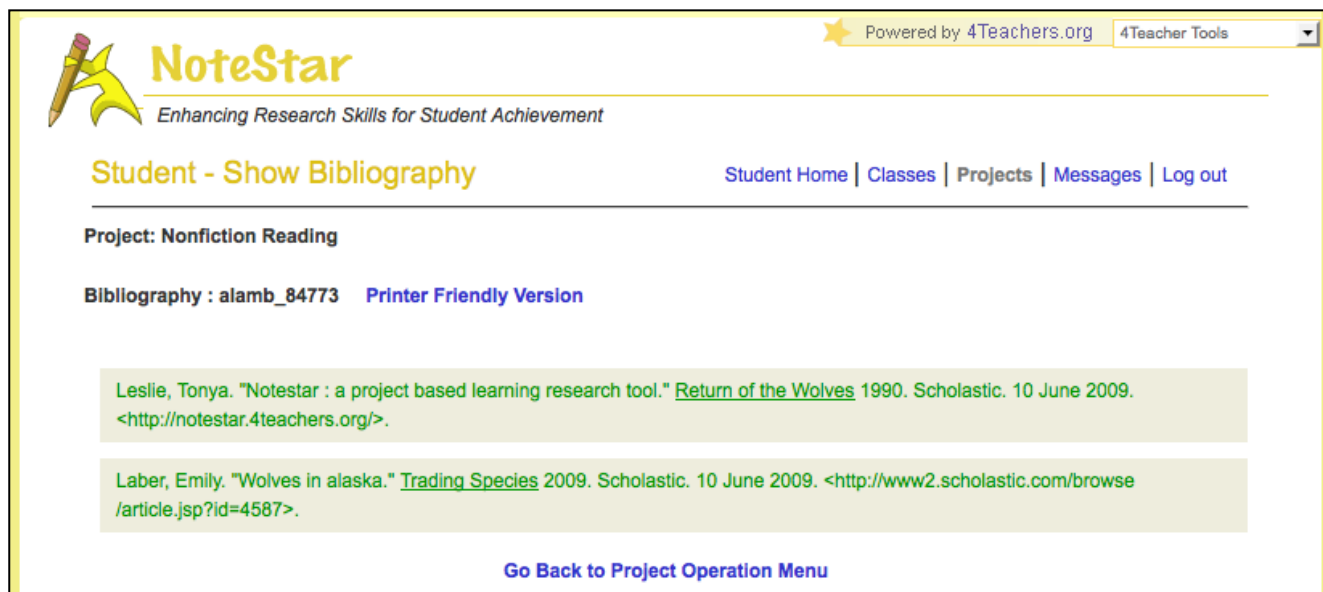
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1973 - Wolves on endangered species list
Animal activists want to protect wolves
Ranches think they will kill their animals."/>
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When you're done editing, click the **Update Note** button.

Click **Go Back to Project Operation Menu**.

Viewing a Bibliography

Click **View Bibliography in MLA Format**. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.

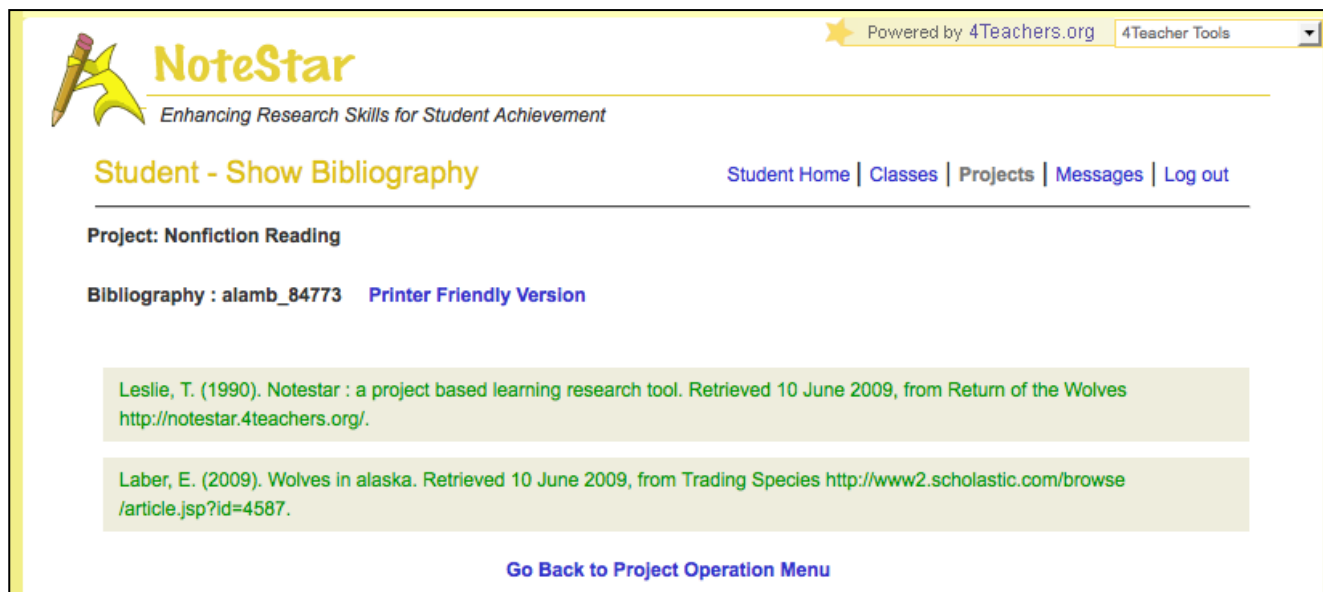


The screenshot shows the NoteStar website interface. At the top, there is a logo with a yellow star and the text "NoteStar" and "Enhancing Research Skills for Student Achievement". To the right, it says "Powered by 4Teachers.org" and "4Teacher Tools". Below the logo, the page title is "Student - Show Bibliography". On the right side, there are links: "Student Home", "Classes", "Projects", "Messages", and "Log out". The main content area shows "Project: Nonfiction Reading" and "Bibliography : alamb_84773" with a link to "Printer Friendly Version". There are two entries in the bibliography, each in a light green box. The first entry is: "Leslie, Tonya. 'Notestar : a project based learning research tool.' Return of the Wolves 1990. Scholastic. 10 June 2009. <http://notestar.4teachers.org/>." The second entry is: "Laber, Emily. 'Wolves in alaska.' Trading Species 2009. Scholastic. 10 June 2009. <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=4587>." At the bottom, there is a link "Go Back to Project Operation Menu".

Click **Go Back to Project Operation Menu**.

You can also view the bibliography in APA Format.

Click **View Bibliography in APA Format**. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.



The screenshot shows the NoteStar website interface, similar to the previous one. The page title is "Student - Show Bibliography". The main content area shows "Project: Nonfiction Reading" and "Bibliography : alamb_84773" with a link to "Printer Friendly Version". There are two entries in the bibliography, each in a light green box. The first entry is: "Leslie, T. (1990). Notestar : a project based learning research tool. Retrieved 10 June 2009, from Return of the Wolves http://notestar.4teachers.org/." The second entry is: "Laber, E. (2009). Wolves in alaska. Retrieved 10 June 2009, from Trading Species http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=4587." At the bottom, there is a link "Go Back to Project Operation Menu".

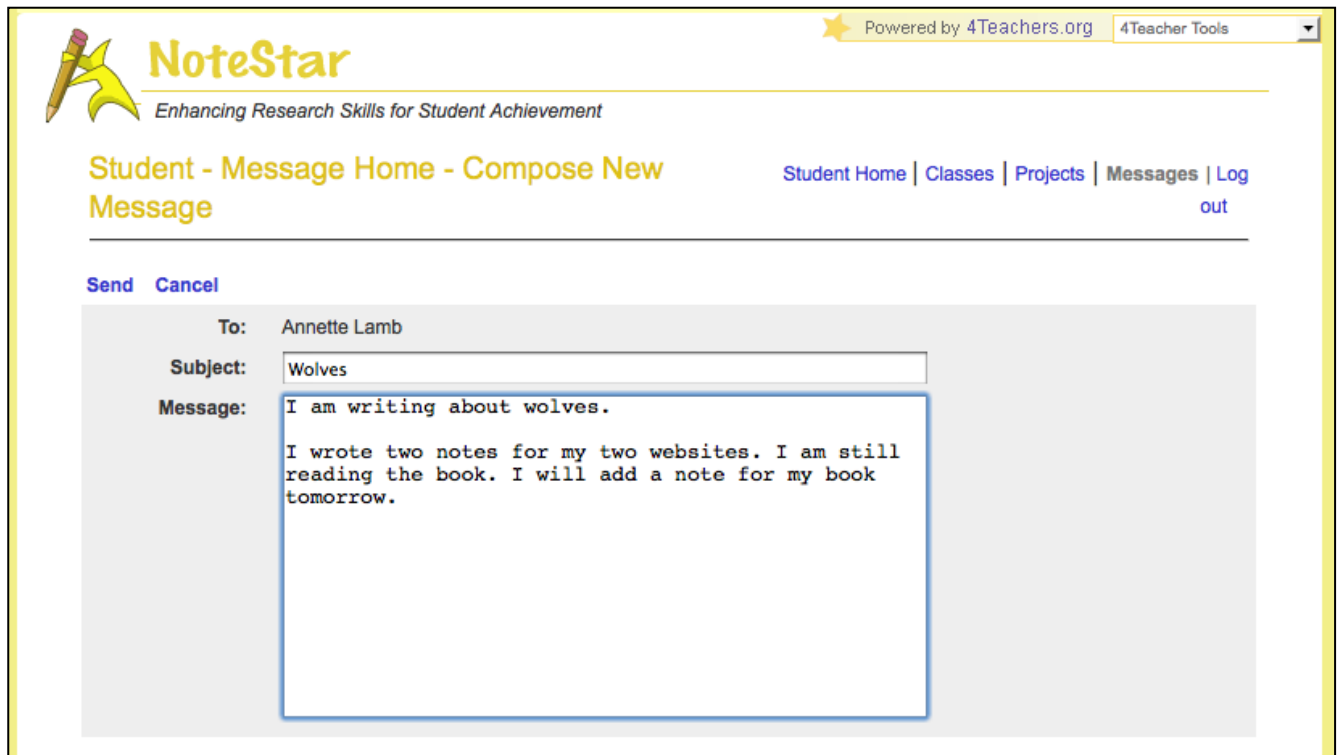
Click **Go Back to Project Operation Menu**.

Reading and Writing Messages

To write a message, click the **Messages** option on the navigation bar.

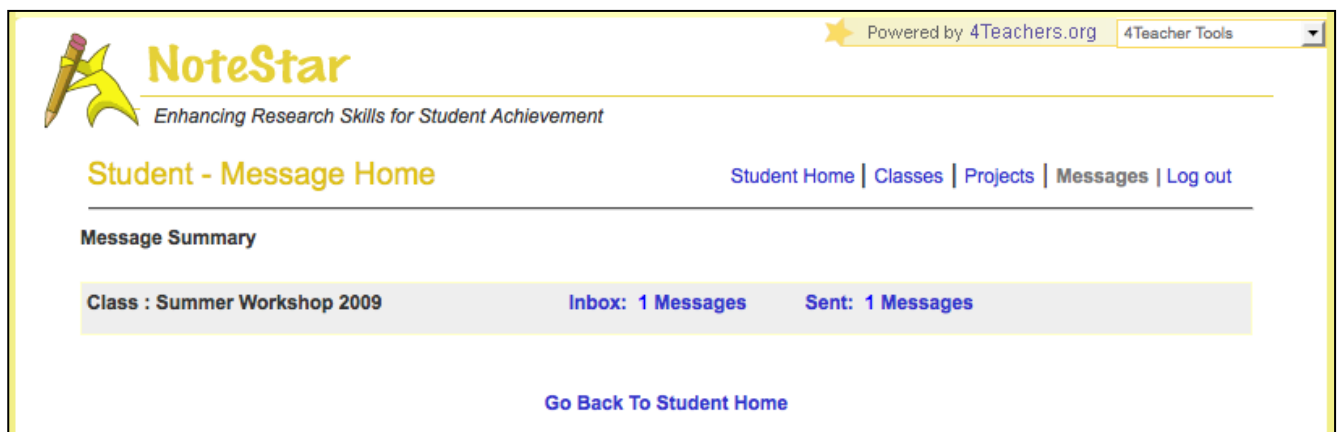
Click the **IN BOX** to view messages or compose a message.

Click **Compose** to write a message to your teacher. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.



The screenshot shows the NoteStar interface for composing a new message. At the top, there is a logo with a pencil and a star, followed by the text 'NoteStar' and 'Enhancing Research Skills for Student Achievement'. A navigation bar includes links for 'Student Home', 'Classes', 'Projects', 'Messages', and 'Log out'. The main heading is 'Student - Message Home - Compose New Message'. Below this, there are 'Send' and 'Cancel' buttons. The message form includes a 'To:' field with 'Annette Lamb', a 'Subject:' field with 'Wolves', and a 'Message:' text area containing the text: 'I am writing about wolves. I wrote two notes for my two websites. I am still reading the book. I will add a note for my book tomorrow.'


Write a **subject**. Write a **message**. Click **Send**. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.



The screenshot shows the NoteStar interface for a message summary. At the top, there is a logo with a pencil and a star, followed by the text 'NoteStar' and 'Enhancing Research Skills for Student Achievement'. A navigation bar includes links for 'Student Home', 'Classes', 'Projects', 'Messages', and 'Log out'. The main heading is 'Student - Message Home'. Below this, there is a 'Message Summary' section. It includes a table with the following information: 'Class : Summer Workshop 2009', 'Inbox: 1 Messages', and 'Sent: 1 Messages'. At the bottom, there is a link that says 'Go Back To Student Home'.

To see your sent messages, click the **SENT** option.

To see your new messages, click the **INBOX**. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.


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Student - Received Messages

[Message Center](#)

Received Messages for class: Summer Workshop 2009
 [View Sent](#)


[Compose](#) [Delete](#)

Class: Summer Workshop 2009
[View Inbox](#) [View Sent](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	From	Subject	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annette Lamb	RE: Wolves	6/10/09

[Go Back to Message home](#)

Click the message you wish to view. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.


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Student -- Message Home - Show Message

[Message Center](#)

Message Detail Message ID:79540

[Compose](#) [Reply](#) [Delete](#)

Class: Summer Workshop 2009
[View Inbox](#) [View Sent](#)

Subject: RE: Wolves
From: Annette Lamb
To: alamb_84773
Date: 6/10/09

Wolves sounds like an exciting topic. I looked at your two notes. You did a wonderful job. Be sure that you put quotes around anything that you copy directly. Also remember to put notes in your own words. I like the way you created a list of dates and events related to the history of wolf protection. When you're reading your book, look for more dates. Thanks for your efforts, Dr. Lamb ----- Original Message ----- > > I am writing about wolves. I wrote two notes for my two websites. I am still reading the book. I will add a note for my book tomorrow.

[Go Back To Message Listing](#)

If you wish to write a reply, click **REPLY**.

Scholastic Junior Reporter Assignment

The article archives at Scholastic is getting old. They want to update some of their articles. Your job is to take notes and create a new article for our **Junior Reporter** wiki. Follow these steps:

1. Set up your **NoteStar** account following the **NoteStar** handout.
2. Read an article from the [Scholastic Article Archive](#).
3. Take notes about this article.
4. Read additional articles from Scholastic. Or, find your own articles and books.
5. Take notes using **NoteCard** on at least two online articles.
6. Take notes using **NoteCard** on at least one book.
7. Write your teacher a **NoteStar** message when your **NoteCards** are done.
8. Write your own article for Scholastic about your topic.

Use the following directions to get started.

Start by exploring the articles at the Scholastic website.

Scholastic Research Tools <http://teacher.scholastic.com/researchtools/>

SCHOLASTIC Teachers ▾ Parents ▾ Kids ▾ Administrator ▾ Librarians ▾ More ▾ Sign In ▸ My Account ▸

Teachers **SEARCH**

TEACHING RESOURCES **STUDENT ACTIVITIES** **BOOKS & AUTHORS** **CONNECT**

Scholastic News Computer Lab Favorites Word Wizard Dictionary Write & Publish Reading Response Research Projects

Research Tools

Welcome to Scholastic's **Research Tools**, the source for information on the subjects you're learning in school.

Article Archive

You can find many interesting and helpful articles in Scholastic's archives. Click on a theme to find dozens of articles from *Scholastic News*, *Science World*, and other classroom magazines.

Social Studies

- Civics and Government
- The Holocaust and World War II
- Martin Luther King, Jr. / African-American History
- U.S. Presidents
- Women's History
- News Reports

Science

- Animals
- The Arctic
- Bugs and Insects
- Dinosaurs and Fossils
- The Human Body
- Space
- Volcanoes and Earthquakes
- Weather

Find an article you wish to read.

Click the **NoteCard** button on your web browser.

Or, go to **http://notestar.4teachers.org/** and click the **NoteStar** icon.

You'll see a screen similar to the one below.

NoteStar : NoteCard : Login

NoteCard Login 4teachers.org

Use This to Add Notes to Your Topics:

- Login and select your class and project.
- Choose the appropriate topic/sub-topic and type of resource.
- Complete the citation by typing in missing information.
- Specify what type of note it is.
- Click the **Create Note** button.
- The note is added to your project and to the bibliography.
- You can see all your notes in the **Project Manager** at NoteStar.

Student Login

Username:

Password: [Forgot password?](#)

Enter your Username and Password for NoteCard such as **alamb_84773** and **alamb**.

Click the **Go** button. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.

NoteCard 4teachers.org

Welcome Back to NoteStar !

You have logged in as: **alamb_84773**

If you are not the person listed above, please [re-login](#) now.

[Continue](#)

It will tell you that you're logged in.

Click the **Continue** button. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.

You're ready to start taking notes. If you don't see your article on the screen, pull down the Window menu and choose the article window. Or, look for your article on the tab at the bottom of your screen. You might want to resize your windows so you can see both the article and the **NoteCard**.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=4565>. The page is from Scholastic and features an article titled "Return of the Wolves" by Tonya Leslie, dated February 21, 1990. The article discusses the reintroduction of wolves to a national park and the debate surrounding it. Overlaid on the article is a "NoteStar : NoteCard" window. This window allows users to create a new note by selecting a Class (Summer Workshop 2009), Project (Nonfiction Reading), and Topic (Wolves). It also includes fields for Title (NoteStar : A Project Based Learning Research Tool), Author (Leslie, Tonya), Published Year (1990), and Organization (Scholastic). The URL field is pre-filled with <http://notestar.4teachers.org/>. The Date Viewed field is set to June 10, 2009. The NoteCard window also has a text area for the note content, which currently contains a list of dates and events: "1900 - Only a few thousand free wolves", "1973 - Wolves on endangered species list", "Animal activists want to protect wolves", and "Ranches think they will kill their animals." The window includes a "Create Note" button and a "Close Window" button.

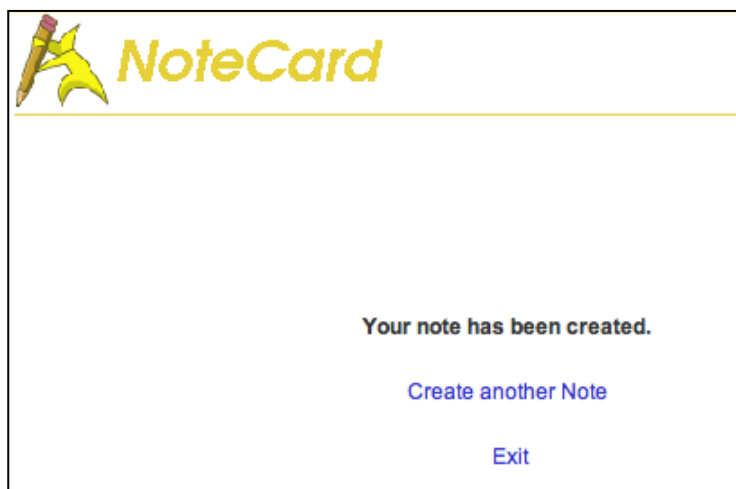
Choose the **Class**, **Project**, and **Topic**. If you haven't already added the name of your topic, you'll need to click **Add New Topics** and follow the directions.

Enter the information about your webpage. Don't type the URL, instead copy it.

Write your notes.

Choose **Your Own Words** or **Quote**.

Click the **Create Note** button. You'll see a screen similar to the one below.



Click **Create another Note**. An empty note will appear. Locate another article of interest.

Trading Species
Alaskan wildlife officials have decided to kill wolves to save the caribou herd. Debate and decide.
By Emily Laber | January 14
PRINT EMAIL

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Alaskan wildlife officials have decided to kill wolves to save the caribou herd. Debate and decide.
By Emily Laber

This winter, Alaska is facing a controversial plan to keep the wolf population down. The plan is to keep the wolf population down, from killing animals.

These animals are the food. But state officials are concerned about the decline in prey populations. Of particular concern is a group of caribou known as the Delta herd, whose numbers have plummeted from 1,000 to 4,000 since 1989.

A combination of poor weather and wolf predation has contributed to the decline. Wildlife biologist Wayne Regelin of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game says wolves are easier to control than the weather.

So last October, the Department of Fish and Game voted to approve a plan to keep the wolf population down. State officials and some aircraft to locate the wolves, and then trap, snare, and shoot 50 of the pack alive. The officials aim to keep wolf numbers down for three years.

ALASKAN SAFARI Proponents of the plan say that boosting caribou and other prey

NoteStar : NoteCard

Create New Note

Class: Summer Workshop 2009
Project: Nonfiction Reading
Topic: Wolves
Go to NoteStar to Add New Topics and Sub-topics.

Internet Book Magazine Journal Newspaper Internet Journal

Title: Wolves in Alaska
Title of Web Site: Trading Species
Author: Laber, Emily (i.e. last name, first name)
Published Year: 2009
Organization: Scholastic
URL: http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=4587
Date Viewed: June 10 2009
Note: (4000 characters maximum)
Type of Note: ☒ Your Own Words ☐ Quote (Cut and Paste)

Create Note Close Window

When you've added all the information, click **Create Note**.

When you're done taking notes, click **Exit**. The **NoteCard** window will disappear.

Go to **NoteStar** at <http://notestar.4teachers.org/> to find your notes and write a message to your teacher. Have fun!